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Beliefs and Principles of the John Birch Society

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. JOHN H. ROUSSELOT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 1962

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, many of my colleagues have questioned me concerning the beliefs and principles of the John Birch Society. For their benefit, under unanimous consent I insert those beliefs and principles in the Appendix of the Record.

GENERAL BELIEFS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

I

With very few exceptions the members of the John Birch Society are deeply religious people. A member's particular faith is entirely his own affair. Our hope is to make better Catholics, better Protestants, better Jews—or better Moslems—out of those who belong to the society. Our never-ending concern is with morality, integrity, and purpose. Regardless of the differences between us in creed and dogma, we all believe that man is endowed by a Divine Creator with an innate desire and conscious purpose to improve both his world and himself. We believe that the direction which constitutes improvement is clearly visible and identifiable throughout man's known history, and that this God-given upward reach in the heart of man is a composite conscience to which we all must listen.

II

We believe that the Communists seek to drive their slaves and themselves along exactly the opposite and downward direction, to the Satanic debasement of both man and his universe. We believe that communism is as utterly incompatible with all religion as it is contemptuous of all morality and destructive of all freedom. It is intrinsically evil. It must be opposed, therefore, with equal firmness, on religious grounds, moral grounds, and political grounds. We believe that the continued coexistence of communism and a Christian-style civilization on one planet is impossible. The struggle between them must end with one completely triumphant and the other completely destroyed. We intend to do our part, therefore, to halt, weaken, rout, and eventually to bury the whole international Communist conspiracy.

III

We believe that means are as important as ends in any civilized society. Of all the falsehoods that have been so widely and deliberately circulated about us, none is so viciously untrue as the charge that we are willing to condone foul means for the sake

of achieving praiseworthy ends. We think that communism as a way of life, for instance, is completely wrong; but our ultimate quarrel with the Communists is that they insist on imposing that way of life on the rest of us by murder, treason, and cruelty rather than by persuasion. Even if our own use of force ever becomes necessary and morally acceptable because it is in self-defense, we must never lose sight of the legal, traditional, and humanitarian considerations of a compassionate civilization. The Communists recognize no such compulsions, but this very ingredient of amoral brutishness will help to destroy them in the end.

IV

We believe in patriotism. Most of us will gladly concede that a parliament of nations, designed for the purpose of increasing the freedom and ease with which individuals, ideals, and goods might cross national boundaries, would be desirable. And we hope that in some future decade we may help to bring about such a step of progress in man's pursuit of peace, prosperity, and happiness. But we feel that the present United Nations was designed by its founders for the exactly opposite purpose of increasing the rigidity of Government controls over the lives and affairs of individual men. We believe it has become, as it was intended to become, a major instrumentality for the establishment of a one-world Communist tyranny over the population of the whole earth. One of our most immediate objectives, therefore, is to get the United States out of the United Nations, and the United Nations out of the United States. We seek thus to save our own country from the gradual and piecemeal surrender of its sovereignty to this Communist-controlled supergovernment, and to stop giving our support to the steady enslavement of other people through the machinations of this Communist agency.

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We believe that a constitutional Republic, such as our Founding Fathers gave us, is probably the best of all forms of government. We believe that a democracy, which they tried hard to obviate, and into which the liberals have been trying for 50 years to convert our Republic, is one of the worst of all forms of government. We call attention to the fact that up to 1928 the U.S. Army Training Manual still gave our men in uniform the following quite accurate definition, which would have been thoroughly approved by the Constitutional Convention that established our Republic: "Democracy: A Government of the masses. Authority derived through mass meeting or any form of direct expression results in mobocracy. Attitude toward property is communistic—negating property rights. Attitude towards law is that the will of the majority shall regulate, whether it be based upon deliberation or governed by passion, prejudice, and impulse,

without restraint or regard to consequences. Results in demagogism, license, agitation, discontent, anarchy." It is because all history proves this to be true that we repeat so emphatically: "This is a Republic, not a democracy; let's keep it that way."

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We are opposed to collectivism as a political and economic system, even when it does not have the police-state features of communism. We are opposed to it no matter whether the collectivism be called socialism or the welfare state or the New Deal or the Fair Deal or the New Frontier, or advanced under some other semantic disguise. And we are opposed to it no matter what may be the framework or form of government under which collectivism is imposed. We believe that increasing the size of government, increasing the centralization of government, and increasing the functions of government all act as brakes on material progress and as destroyers of personal freedom.

VII

We believe that even where the size and functions of government are properly limited, as much of the power and duties of government as possible should be retained in the hands of as small governmental units as possible, as close to the people served by such units as possible. For the tendencies of any governing body to waste, expansion, and despotism all increase with the distance of that body from the people governed; the more closely any governing body can be kept under observation by those who pay its bills and provide its delegated authority, the more honestly responsible it will be. And the diffusion of governmental power and functions is one of the greatest safeguards against tyranny man has yet devised. For this reason it is extremely important in our case to keep our township, city, County and State governments from being bribed and coerced into coming under one direct chain of control from Washington.

VIII

We believe that for any people eternal vigilance is the price of liberty far more as against the insidious encroachment of internal tyranny than against the danger of subjugation from the outside or from the prospect of any sharp and decisive revolution. In a republic we must constantly seek to elect and to keep in power a government we can trust, manned by people we can trust, maintaining a currency we can trust, and working for purposes we can trust (none of which we have today). We think it is even more important for the government to obey the laws than for the people to do so. But for 30 years we have had a steady stream of governments which increasingly have regarded our laws and even our Constitution as mere pieces of paper, which should not be allowed to stand in the way of what they, in their omniscient benevolence, considered to

be "for the greatest good of the greatest number." (Or in their power-seeking plans pretended so to believe.) We want a restoration of a "government of laws, and not of men" in this country; and if a few impeachments are necessary to bring that about, then we are all for the impeachments.

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We believe that in a general way history repeats itself. For any combination of causes, similar to an earlier combination of causes, will lead as a rule to a combination of results somewhat similar to the one produced before. And history is simply a series of causes which produced results, and so on around cycles as clearly discernible as any of the dozens that take place elsewhere in the physical and biological sciences. But we believe that the most important history consists not of the repetitions but of the changes in these recurring links in the series. For the changes mark the extent to which man

has either been able to improve himself and his environment, or has allowed both to deteriorate, since the last time around. We think that this true history is largely determined by ambitious individuals (both good and evil) and by small minorities who really know what they want. And in the John Birch Society our sense of gratitude and responsibility (to God and to the noble men of the past), for what we have inherited makes us determined to exert our influence, labor, and sacrifice for changes which we think will constitute improvement.

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In summary, we are striving, by all honorable means at our disposal and to the limits of our energies and abilities, to bring about less government, more responsibility, and a better world. Because the Communists seek, always and everywhere, to bring about more government, less individual responsibility, and a completely amoral world, we would have to oppose them at every turn, even on the philosophical level. Because

they are seeking through a gigantically organized conspiracy to destroy all opposition, we must fight them even more aggressively on the plane of action. But our struggle with the Communists, while the most urgent and important task before us today, is basically only incidental to our more important long-range and constructive purposes. For that very reason we are likely to be more effective against the Communists than if we were merely an ad hoc group seeking to expose and destroy so huge and powerful a gang of criminals. In organization, dedication, and purpose we offer a new form of opposition to the Communists which they have not faced in any other country. We have tried to raise a standard to which the wise and the honest can repair. We welcome all honorable allies in this present unceasing war. And we hope that once they and we and millions like us have won a decisive victory at last, many of these same allies will join us in our long look toward the future.

John Birch Society Investigated

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

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Thursday, June 14, 1962

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, the Efficiency Research Bureau, a private investigating firm, has completed a thorough investigation of the John Birch Society in Orange County, Calif. Findings of the Bureau are reported in the March 1962, issue of the Santa Ana Register, a newspaper published in Orange County. I believe the findings will be of interest to my colleagues. Under unanimous consent I place the report which appeared in the Register in the Appendix of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The report follows:

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY INVESTIGATED

A private investigating firm, Efficiency Research Bureau, 800 South Harbor Boulevard, Anaheim, conducted a thorough investigation of the John Birch Society in Orange County, Calif. Efficiency Research Bureau was hired by the president of a local manufacturing firm to make an impartial study.

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A five-man team of investigators, including a Negro clergyman, sat in on numerous Birch meetings and accumulated a wealth of data on the organization and its operation. The following are the 14 conclusions to which the investigating team came, based upon their extensive research:

1. Many of the allegations and rumors against the John Birch Society could not be supported by fact.

2. The John Birch Society is an anti-Communist movement open to anyone interested in joining or attending meetings.

3. It's not a secret organization, but rather groups meeting for discussion of views and ways in which to fight the international Communist conspiracy.

4. The majority of John Birch Society members don't support or agree with many of the statements of Robert Welch, the society's founder; they seldom disagree with him on policy.

5. Each chapter is independent and each member cooperates with chapter, State and national views according to the dictates of his own conscience.

6. Efficiency Research Bureau investigators attending these meetings have found groups as small as 15 and as large as 59 at a single meeting. About 15 seemed to be preferred.

7. All indications show that the John Birch Society anti-Communist movement is growing continuously and steadily.

8. Utilizing both white and colored investigators, it was learned the John Birch Society isn't anti-Semitic, anti-Negro, or anti any religious group. That they, in fact, have chapters comprised entirely of colored membership. Also, it was found John Birch Society has Jewish members on the national advisory council.

9. Investigators found no evidence of violence or unlawful activity engaged in by the John Birch Society.

10. Investigators did learn that there were individuals who carried personal prejudices with them into the organization. It was learned John Birch Society works to isolate persons with such prejudice. If a whole chapter is found to share certain prejudices the area coordinators try to disseminate such groups.

11. Investigators learned there is a John Birch Society major coordinator for Orange, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino Counties and he has two coordinators directly under him.

12. Investigators expected to find a dictatorship and didn't find it.

13. The society as a whole works very hard to make sure that John Birch Society isn't used as a vehicle to promote prejudices.

14. Investigative work included checking out documented information by factfinding groups which is used as a basis for some John Birch Society work.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-82555)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (100-10461) (P)

RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka.
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ReBuairtel, 5/22/64, enclosing copy of a letter to the Bureau from the President's Commission dated 5/20/64.

Enclosed are the following which represent material considered responsive to the Commission's requests located in a search of Dallas files and indices:

(A) Three copies of a listing of material for the year 1963 pertaining to persons believed active in FPCC, JURE, DRE, Alpha 66, and 30th of November Movement

(B) Ten copies of a letterhead memorandum containing a summary of the activities of the above groups in the Dallas Division.

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Identity of Informants in the Letterhead Memorandum

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CIA, Miami, Florida

Information in 89-43-1197,
Miami letter to Director,
11/27/63, [enclosing CIA
memo dated 11/25/63] [5] [NOV 27 1963]

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The letterhead memorandum enclosed herewith containing a summary of activities of JURE, DRE, Alpha 66, 30th of November Movement and FPCC is classified "Secret" as the letterhead memorandum contains information from CIA, Miami, Florida, (T-3 in letterhead memorandum) received in CIA memo as noted herein, which memo was marked "~~Secret~~".

(C) Three copies of a listing of material for the year 1963 pertaining to persons believed active in the Communist Party.

(D) Three copies of a listing of material for the year 1963 pertaining to persons believed active in the SWP.

The search of Dallas files and indices revealed no investigations conducted of persons residing in the Dallas Division believed active in the SWP, and nothing was located to indicate the SWP has any members or was organizationally active in the Division during 1963.

A review of the indices and files of the Dallas Office revealed no investigations conducted by Dallas in 1963 arising out of activities of the John Birch Society and there would thus appear to be no information available responsive to the request of the Commission in this regard. Similarly, the review revealed no investigations in 1963 relating to members of this organization engaged in "subversive" activities.

The review of Dallas indices and files with respect to the Minute Men revealed no investigations in the Dallas Division during 1963 arising out of the activities of this organization, or investigations relating to members of this organization engaged in "subversive" activities; however, the Bureau may wish to refer to and consider the following, all in Dallas file 105-1280, and Bureau file 62-107261:

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Philadelphia letter to Bureau captioned "Minutemen, Civilian Guerilla Corps, Information Concerning (Internal Security)," dated ~~11/8/63~~ 1/18/63.

Bureau letter to Philadelphia captioned "Minutemen, Information Concerning (Internal Security)," dated 1/31/63.

Denver letter to Bureau dated 2/5/63, captioned "Minutemen, Information Concerning."

Oklahoma City letter to Bureau dated 7/5/63, captioned "Minutemen, Information Concerning," with enclosed letterhead memorandum.

Oklahoma City letter to Bureau dated 8/8/63, captioned "Minutemen, Information Concerning," dated 8/8/63.

Dallas letter to Bureau dated 9/¹⁸8/63, captioned "Minutemen, Information Concerning."

Dallas letter to Bureau dated 2/14/64, captioned "Minutemen, Information Concerning."

Dallas report dated 5/13/64, captioned "Minutemen, Information Concerning (Internal Security)."

No mention is made in the enclosed listings of the following cases, initiated in 1963, since the Commission presumably already had the results of the investigations, and, further, these investigations were not conducted on the basis of a belief the subjects were active in any of the groups or organizations mentioned by the Commission and thus would not logically be responsive to its requests:

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Not included in the enclosed listings are the letterhead memoranda prepared for Secret Service under the program initiated by the Bureau following the assassination of President KENNEDY under the caption "Travel of the President in the United States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico" (TROPUS) since all of these have been sent to the Bureau under the TROPUS caption.

The Bureau's attention is called to the fact the enclosed listings contain no information relating to informants of the Dallas Division, and they are sometimes mentioned by name in reports as being in contact with certain communist figures, or as being at some meeting. No investigative reports have, of course, been prepared on these informants. They are:



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (109-12-214)

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (109-new) (C)

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Re Bureau airtel to New Haven 6/23/64 entitled "FELIX AUGUSTUS CUMMINGS, RA - BRITISH GUIANA, IS - BRITISH GUIANA".

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a letterhead memorandum and for the New York Office two copies of a letterhead memorandum containing information concerning an alleged plot to assassinate British Guiana Premier CHEDDI JAGAN.

The source utilized in this memorandum is [redacted] Conn. and this letterhead memorandum is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ inasmuch as information furnished by this source could reasonably result in the identification of a security source of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

On [redacted] advised that he had received a telegram from [redacted] British Guiana requesting [redacted] to come immediately to British Guiana. [redacted] advised that he planned to leave Kennedy Airport, New York, New York, on [redacted] for British Guiana via Pan American Airlines returning on [redacted]. He stated that in the event [redacted]

[redacted] External Affairs in the government of British Guiana on this trip, that he would not discuss with [redacted] a proposed interview of him by the FBI on his next trip to the U.S.

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[] advised that he left the U.S. as scheduled and arrived in British Guiana on [] when he stayed at the [] Georgetown, British Guiana. He left British Guiana on [] stayed overnight in Trinidad, and returned to Kennedy Airport, New York, New York on []. He said that during his trip to British Guiana he saw [] at the Georgetown home of [] [] and that during his conversation with [] [] furnished to [] the information included in the enclosed letterhead memorandum.

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According to [] told him that the information relating to the plot to assassinate JAGAN came to his attention through a communication that [] [] External Affairs.

[] further advised [] informed him that the U.S. Government has promised economic support to JAGAN if JAGAN would guarantee not to align himself with FIDEL CASTRO and the Soviet bloc. [] claimed that JAGAN and several British Guiana government officials [] had planned to travel to the U.S. to confer with President JOHNSON during the week of 6/29/64 but that this trip was cancelled in view of the racial violence and unsettled conditions which had arisen in British Guiana. [] informed [] that the above trip had been arranged through the help of the American Consulate in British Guiana.

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[] further informed [] that his proposed trip to London, England on which he planned to stop enroute to visit with [] Conn. has been cancelled and [] informed [] that in view of the unsettled conditions in British Guiana he was unable to estimate when, if ever, he would be in the U.S. to visit [] residence.

Concerning the information contained in the enclosed letterhead memorandum, [] advised he was furnishing this information to the FBI with the understanding that it was

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being furnished on a confidential basis, that his identity would be concealed, and that the identity of [redacted] would be concealed in order to protect [redacted] in British Guiana and [redacted] Government [redacted] in British Guiana.

In order to fully protect [redacted] and inasmuch as [redacted] has previously expressed to the State Dept. and the UN his anti-JAGAN views, the enclosed letterhead memorandum is being datelined Washington, D.C.

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[redacted] added that he did not specifically question [redacted] concerning his statements contained in the letterhead memorandum inasmuch as he did not desire to appear inquisitive and create any suspicions of him by [redacted]

[redacted] advised that the purpose of his trip to British Guiana was to [redacted]
[redacted]

The information obtained from [redacted] is being furnished the Bureau in letterhead memorandum form inasmuch as the Bureau may desire to disseminate this information to CIA and the State Dept.



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In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Washington 25, D.C.

July 8, 1964

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RE: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTER - BRITISH GUIANA

On July 7, 1964 a source who has furnished reliable information in the past furnished the following information:

In late [] an individual whom the above source considers reliable and who the above source stated is [] furnish reliable and factual information concerning political matters in British Guiana informed the source that Premier CHEDDI JAGAN of the governing People's Progressive Party (PPP) in British Guiana, has sources in the United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., and through these State Department sources is immediately informed of any developments in the State Department relative to British Guiana.

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This individual in late [] informed the above source that there was at that time in British Guiana three men who were there to assassinate JAGAN. According to the above source this individual's exact words were "the man sent by CIA to Vietnam to assassinate DIEM is now in British Guiana to assassinate JAGAN". This individual said the other two men were sent to British Guiana by the John Birch Society, and that the "CIA man" was operating alone and independent of them. According to this individual the "CIA man" and the two John Birch Society men were then staying at the Hotel Tower, Georgetown, British Guiana.

The individual told the above source that these three men were white Americans and that before they actually left Washington, D.C. for British Guiana, JAGAN through his State Department sources was informed of their coming to British Guiana to assassinate JAGAN. The individual did not furnish

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any information as to when the above three men left Washington, D.C. for British Guiana. This individual further informed the above source that JAGAN is heavily protected and that as soon as any of these three individuals, who are under constant surveillance, make a move to assassinate JAGAN, they will be seized and immediately thrown out of British Guiana.

According to the above source, this individual added that JAGAN would not have learned of the above assassination plot from his State Department sources if the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) had not informed the State Department of this operation. This individual commented that if CIA had not notified the State Department of this development that there would not have been a leak.

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CORRELATION SUMMARY

Main File No: 62-104401

Date: September 14, 1964

Subject: Robert H.W. Welch, Jr.

Date Searched: 3/2/64

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as:

Robert H.W. Welch
Bob Welch
George Welch
Robert Welch
Robert A. Welch
Robert B. Welch
Robert H. Welch
Robert Henry Winborne Welch
Robert Welsh

Summary

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. All references under the above names containing data identical with the subject have been included except those listed at the end of this summary as not having been reviewed or those determined to contain the same information as the main file.

This summary is designed to furnish a synopsis of the information set out in each reference. In many cases the original serial will contain the information in much more detail.

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On 9/12/57, Walter Wuerdeman, [redacted] Williamson Heater Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, furnished the following information regarding the National Alliance of Russian Solidarists (NTS) (105-10164).

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Wuerdeman wrote to Robert H.W. Welch of Cambridge, Mass., who was engaged in fighting communism, requesting information concerning the NTS. Welch answered that to the best of his knowledge, NTS was originally bona fide but had been infiltrated by international communists. He attributed his comments to certain publications of P.J. Huxley-Blythe, editor of "World Survey" a journal of intelligence service emanating from Lancashire, England. Welch stated that he had written to Blythe relative to Wuerdeman's inquiry. On [redacted] [redacted] the Multi-Colortype Company, Cincinnati, and [redacted] the son of an old friend of [redacted] went to see Wuerdeman and informed him that Welch would be in Cincinnati for a dinner on that day and requested Wuerdeman to attend. A small selected group attended this dinner and Welch spoke on the communist issue. Subsequently on [redacted] [redacted] had a private interview with Welch at his hotel room concerning the NTS and it was Welch's opinion at that time that he considered the NTS at best an opportunist organization.

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The "National Review," a weekly journal of opinion, with offices at 211 East 37th St., NYC, dated 1/25/58, page 79, contained an item captioned "Notes and Asides." Information therein indicated that Robert Welch was an amazing man who ran a business (Welch Candy), wrote books (The Life of John Birch), published and edited a magazine (American Opinion), and was a conservative. Data pertaining to Welch's lecture to his readers which had appeared in a recent issue of his magazine was also quoted.

Alphabetical Section
"National Review," 1/25/58
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On 3/24/59, [redacted] Williamson Company, Cincinnati, Ohio, and [redacted] the "Cincinnati Enquirer" newspaper, stated that he addressed a letter dated 3/12/59 to Robert Welch, Belmont, Mass. In this letter, [redacted] advised about a small group, including Harold Blacker, who had met for luncheon and during the course of a general discussion Harold had remarked about his recent visit with Welch and a project that Welch had developed.

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[] also expressed his interest in an article entitled "The Cyrus Eaton Story" which appeared in the March issue of "American Opinion."

[] further stated that he was bothered about Cyrus Eaton's (100-127094) recent activities involving relations with the Soviet Union.

[] also attached with this letter a communication dated 3/9/59 which he had received from [] Hill and Knowlton, Cleveland, concerning "The Cyrus Eaton Story." (Reproductions of communications quoted therein)

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Herbert A. Philbrick, Rye Beach, New Hampshire, furnished a report prepared by Philbrick regarding a John Birch Club (JBC) meeting held on [] at the home of []. Also included was a copy of an application for membership in the JBC and petitions urging the President of the US not to attend any "Summit Meetings." The above report indicated that Robert Welch was among those present at the [] meeting and quoted an address delivered by Welch. Also enclosed was a booklet entitled, "The Life of John Birch" by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr.

Above material enclosed
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Bureau memo, dated 5/15/59, enclosed a publication captioned "Fidel Castro, Communist" by Robert Welch. This magazine contained a reprint from an article that appeared in the April 1959 issue of "American Opinion."

It was noted that Fidel Castro was the subject of 109-539.

Publication enclosed
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"The Radio Edition of 'The Independent American' Newspaper," P.O. Box 4223, New Orleans, La., Broadcast # 59-73, announced a New Party Rally which was sponsored by "The Independent American" on 10/23-24/59 at the Hotel Morrison, Chicago, Ill. The article stated that some of the greatest conservative leaders and speakers would address the gathering which would include Robert Welch, publisher of "American Opinion."

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[redacted] (protect identity), provided a copy of a letter dated 11/27/59 signed "Hilaire," which she said was from Du Berrier. Mrs. [redacted] described Du Berrier as a correspondent who resided in Paris, France, and who had sources in the administration of France. She said the letter [redacted] Robert Welch, publisher or producer of "American Opinion," and others. Mrs. [redacted] believed that Du Berrier's letter regarding Madame Suzanne Labin [redacted] indicated that Labin may be in the US with some ulterior pro-communist purpose, although she seemingly was set up as anti-communist.

It was noted that Mrs. [redacted] the "Hilaire Du Barrier Reports," a ten-a-year "intelligence letter."

Above described letter enclosed
105-84216-1
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In connection with the investigation to determine "Unknown Subject, aka., [redacted] the following information was developed:

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An SA of the Louisville Office checked the L & N Railroad copies of the Bills of Lading covering shipments handled between the dates of 12/9/59 through 12/11/59, and located the Bills of Lading which disclosed [redacted] Ky. Information therein revealed that printed material had been shipped to Robert H. W. Welch, Belmont, Mass.

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[] (RAC) and [] (RAC) had both been acquainted with Millard Grubbs for about a year and neither had received any information Grubbs was publishing material under the name "The Patriot."

On 10/14/48, Millard Dee Grubbs, 1427 South 6th St., Louisville, Ky., advised that he was National Chairman of the Citizens National Law Enforcement Commission (CNLEC) and President of the Citizens Councils of Kentucky, Inc. (CCKI)

On 8/25/59, [] advised that the CNLEC was an organization created by Millard Grubbs and as of that time appeared to be a paper organization. The source stated that Grubbs had remarked on several occasions about his desire of making citizens arrests of public officials who failed to do their duty.

The purpose of the CCKI was set forth as the protection and preservation of historical Southern customs, opposing attacks on social and political institutions, protection of the American way of life and revealing to the public the true aims of communism. (County Court Clerk's Office, Jefferson County, Kentucky)

105-74075-191 p.4
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Mrs. [] France, [] at Los Angeles of the newsletter*, "H. Du B. Reports," advised that she travelled recently to NY to solicit more ample stipend for Hilaire Du Berrier (61-10904), whose livelihood, she stated, would hardly be maintained but for the cash contribution substantially made by George Welch, the Belmont, Mass., candy manufacturer, who was the founder-director of the JBS. Mrs. [] also indicated that she had in the past approached Welch with the thought that he undertake the complete operation of the "H. Du B. Reports" but that Welch had demurred and indicated that she was best qualified.

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Mrs. [] advised additionally that she was in contact with Welch on one of his recent trips on behalf of the JBS in the Los Angeles area regarding a study program for the JBS membership.

Mrs. [] stated that out of her experience some years ago [] Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif., she felt competent [] Welch in setting up a program of campus chapters of the JBS and had indicated [] Welch in this regard.

Information was submitted in Los Angeles letter dated 12/21/60.

61-10904-86
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*A Los Angeles world affairs publication.

The "Providence Journal," Providence, RI, dated 3/13/61, carried an article entitled "Public Opinion Called Answer To Extremism," subtitled "Speaker Says People Should Be Enlightened On Far Right Groups." This article stated Gordon D. Hall of Boston told an audience at the First Unitarian Church in Providence "Unless you are well informed, I don't see how you can cope with this kind of irresponsible anti-communism." Hall, who spent 15 years detailing to US audiences the workings of the far right, underscored the operation of two currently talked about groups- the JBS and George Lincoln Rockwell's American Nazi Party (105-70374) as he outlined the anatomy of extremism. The group, organized by Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., who had called former President Eisenhower a dedicated communist agent, had a paid membership of at least 100,000 according to Mr. Hall. In his writings Hall told the audience of about 60 persons to Mr. Welch had branded NATO as "part of the Communist plan to enslave the world."

105-70374-A "Providence Journal"
(11) ✓ 3/13/61

[redacted] Anti-Defamation League, B'nai B'rith, Washington, DC, advised that on 4/6/61, he was visited by one Martin J. Parker who inferred that he had information that could definitely tie George Lincoln Rockwell, leader of the American Nazi Party (105-70374), to Robert Welch, leader of the JBS, and that this information would make every front page in the country.

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Parker identified himself to [redacted] with a 1960 Wisconsin driver's license, indicating that he was born 2/22/10, residence 433 W. Silver Spring Drive, Milwaukee, Wis.

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The "Houston Chronicle," 5/10/61, carried an article entitled "Group Welcomes Aid In Red Charge Fight." This article stated that Dr. Karl Parker, executive director of the Association of Churches of Greater Houston, stated that a committee formed to fight charges on communism in the churches would seek co-operation from nonmembers of the association. Charges discussed by the committee at the association headquarters, 9 Chelsea Place, included those by Robert Welch.

100-403529-A "Houston Chronicle,"
(7) ✓ 5/10/61

The "National Guardian," dated 8/28/61, published a letter from Clyde Robert Appleton (105-96661) which concerned the Arizona Communist Control Act of 1961. During the course of the letter, Appleton remarked that the former Supreme Court Justice Phelps, national board member of the JBS, introduced Robert Welch, the society's leader, who appeared before a large audience in Phoenix. (No further details) (Letter set out verbatim)

105-96661-8 p.3
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This reference is a copy of a letter from [redacted] (62-107021), [redacted] Pa., to Gus Hall, General Secretary, CP, USA, NYC, dated [redacted] in discussing Gus' following the Party line, stated in part "It is obvious that one Robert Welch has you fellows on the run. It would seem to me that you have finally found your match. I do not necessarily go along with all that Mr. Welch says, but this is characteristic of the free society which you would destroy."

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[redacted] Texas Department of Public Safety, Austin, Texas, advised that the files of the Intelligence Section revealed Jack H. Sucke, 1300 West 9¹/₂ St., Austin, was general chairman, Austin Anti-Communism League. [redacted] stated that in November 1961, the Austin Chamber of Commerce, Austin, Texas, protested that Sucke had used the Chamber of Commerce membership list in promoting a speech by Robert Welch, founder of the JBS.

62-109060-2143 p.230
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SI 62-109060-1453 p.6
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On 11/29/61, Robert Bolivar De Pugh (62-107261), head of the "Minutemen" (62-107261), advised that one of the members of the Minutemen (an [redacted] one of the congressional committees, which he declined to identify) had informed him that a number of individuals, who were communists or communist sympathizers, [redacted] to infiltrate the news and radio media in an effort to stage a campaign to discourage conservative movements, and to embarrass the US internationally. He identified two such people as (fnu) [redacted] who were with CBS. He related that these two individuals were to be in Norborne, Missouri, [redacted] him on matters relating to the Minutemen. De Pugh stated he understood [redacted] itinerary after leaving Norborne consisted of [redacted] including one with Robert Welch, founder JBS, Boston, Mass. De Pugh stated that it was his understanding these two men, after [redacted] Welch and the others, [redacted] an article attempting to interweave the various groups picturing them as ultra rightwing, semi-Nazi.

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62-107261-47
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The Attorney General's office furnished a memorandum captioned "The Radical Right in America Today," prepared by Victor Reuther and submitted by Walter Reuther (61-9556) to the Justice Department on 12/19/61. This memorandum dealt largely with the activities of the right-wing groups and set out policies and programs to combat the radical right. Robert Welch and his society, the JBS, were mentioned among the most powerful of the extreme right-wing groups.

Memorandum enclosed
61-9556-264 p.2
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On 1/25/62, Hilaire Du Berrier (61-10904) advised that he was the author of "H. du B. Reports," a periodical published by him, as well as a free lance writer for various magazines. He stated that his last published article was in the magazine "American Opinion" in August 1959. This magazine was published by Robert Welch who from time to time, even though he did not publish Du Berrier's article, would send small financial donations to him.

61-10904-96
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John A. Despol, Administrator of Local 2058, United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO (100-62018), prepared for distribution to the membership of Local 2058 a leaflet, primarily for the information of the members who were absent from the union membership meeting held on 1/24/62. In this bulletin Despol stated that it was important for those who were absent to be aware of the main issues discussed at this meeting. One of the issues discussed was Despol's invitation to Robert Welch, head of the JBS, to contribute to a special Defense of Freedom Fund of Local 2058. Despol stated that Welch claimed to be fighting communism and he was alleged to have been collecting money through the instrumentality of the JBS to oppose the CP. Despol stated that inasmuch as the local union had been placed in financial distress, it did not seem unreasonable to request financial aid from Welch. (Copy of leaflet furnished by Thomas E. (Ted) Nelson, 1439 Orange Ave., La Puente, Calif.)

News items from the "Los Angeles Times," 2/15/62 and 3/3/62; the Huntington Park "Daily Signal," 3/3/62 and "The Militant," 3/5/62, particularly commented concerning the invitation extended to Robert Welch to contribute to the aforementioned fund.

Photostat of leaflet and news items enclosed

100-62018-1519 p.11,12,15,
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[redacted] (protect identity) furnished information regarding a meeting of approximately fifteen members of the "Minutemen" (62-107261) held [redacted] Mo. Robert De Pugh (62-107261), the national coordinator of the "Minutemen," was in charge of the meeting and was the only speaker. De Pugh told the group that he had attended a meeting at Dallas, Texas, a few weeks previously where he had met with General Walker, Robert Welch and others. De Pugh stated these leaders had agreed that a common goal must be selected and achieved. The goal selected by them as their first target was to be the American news media.

62-107261-174
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On 8/22/62, John Dunn, MD, P.O. Box 1562, Pecos, Texas, furnished a pamphlet entitled "The Billie Sol Estes Case," by Dr. Dunn. It represented a transcript of a speech delivered on 7/4/62 by Dr. Dunn, before a group of "conservative Democrats" in Baton Rouge, La. The inside of the cover page indicated the booklet was copywrited by "American Opinion," Belmont 78, Mass., which was a publication edited and directed by Robert H. W. Welch, acknowledged leader and organizer of the JBS.

Pamphlet enclosed
29-28704-4321
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By letter, dated 8/24/62, Congressman Hale Boggs (94-37804), House of Representatives, Washington, DC, forwarded a copy of a letter received by him from Robert Welch, founder of the JBS. This letter charged Congressman Boggs with using a communist tactic of alleging that anti-communist groups were actually communist controlled or directed. It demanded an apology from the Congressman and a retraction or the Society would take steps to defend itself.

Above letter enclosed
94-37804-26
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On 10/26/62, telephone directories of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, Boston, Mass., identified Robert Welch, Inc., 395 Concord Ave., Belmont, Mass., as the subscriber to telephone number 489-0600 (previously reported as IV 9-0600).

It was noted that Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., had been publicly identified in the press as the founder and leader of the JBS, with headquarters at 395 Concord Ave., Belmont, Mass.

157-401-1398
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Correlator's Note: Serial 969 of above file set forth a number of telephone calls charged to Dallas telephone, Lakeside 1-4115 and Lakeside 1-4116, listed to Edwin A. Walker, 4011 Turtle Creek Boulevard, Dallas, Texas. Included therein was a call made on [redacted] to telephone # [redacted]. This was a person to person call to [redacted].

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The "Worker," dated 11/20/62, carried an article entitled "Walker's Outfit Helps Run Anti-Semitic Magazine," by Mike Newberry. This article stated that former General Edwin A. Walker had been revealed as one of the leaders of a group of ultra-ultras who had bought control of the anti-Semitic and racist "American Mercury." Many who were leaders of the ultra-right, including Robert Welch, appeared regularly in the magazine's anti-Semitic pages.

157-401-A "Worker" 11/20/62
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The Twelfth Report of the Senate Factfinding Subcommittee on Un-American Activities, 1963, of the California Legislature included a report concerning the JBS and its founder, Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., Belmont 78, Mass.

(Report enclosed)
100-15252-118 encl.p.1-61
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A note postmarked March 12th enclosed a column of 3/12/63 written by Arthur Hoppe, columnist for the "San Francisco Chronicle" (94-8-447). The note stated: "Mr. Hoover - Maybe you should get Representative Walters of the HUAC - after Hoppe - Robert Welch John Birch Society."

It was noted that this did not appear to be the way a submission would be made to the Bureau by Robert Welch of the JBS and may have been sent by someone else.

Hoppe's article, while facetious, was obviously intended as criticism of the Bureau. Bufiles indicated that Hoppe was on the Bureau's "do not contact" list.

Above note and column enclosed
94-8-447-144
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On 4/9/63, [redacted] (157-1534), [redacted]

[redacted] Utah, advised that he recently attended a JBS meeting held at Salt Lake City. He stated that he [redacted] Ezra Taft Benson, official of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and former Secretary of Agriculture of the US Government. [redacted] stated that Robert Welch, head of the JBS, was the principal speaker.

157-1534-1 p.8

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SI 105-70374-2216 p.5

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By letter, dated 7/25/63, Mrs. [redacted]

[redacted] Calif., indicated her concern and criticism of various "Fright Peddlers" of religious and political far right leanings such as one [redacted] and others who attacked Government officials and distorted the news on the air. She did not know if this was an organized effort with such people as Robert Welsh, [redacted] and Dan Smoot of Dallas.

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The 8/3/63 edition of "The Daily Oklahoman" and the "Oklahoma City Times," daily newspapers published at Oklahoma City, Okla., carried articles captioned "Big Government Ripped by Welch" and "Birch Society Founder Talks Here" respectively. These articles indicated that Robert Welch was the keynote speaker at the Fifth Annual Christian Crusade National Convention held in Oklahoma City 8/2-4/63. In his speech, Welch stated "There's nothing as stupid as government when it comes to stupidity." (Articles set out in part)

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(7)✓(No source given) (Scheduled speaker)

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[redacted] (RAC); protect identity)

In connection with the investigation of plans to picket Governor George Wallace, Alabama (62-102939), during his speech at Minneapolis, 2/17/64, the following information was developed:

The appearance of Governor Wallace at the University of Minnesota was for the purpose of participating in a four-day symposium on "Great Issues in Government." This would run from February 16 through February 19, 1964. Among the speakers scheduled to appear was Robert Welch, founder of the JBS.

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REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

The following reference on Robert Welch located in the Personnel Records Unit was not reviewed:

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

67-572938-28

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See the search slip filed behind file for other references on this subject which contain the same information (SI) that is set out in the main file. Differences in source will be noted on the search slip.

Date 9/9/64

To

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Att. CRIME RECORDS DIVISION FILE #

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<input type="checkbox"/> Correct	<input type="checkbox"/> Return assignment card
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<input type="checkbox"/> Deadline passed	<input type="checkbox"/> Return serials
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<input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue	<input type="checkbox"/> See me
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<input type="checkbox"/> Leads need attention	<input type="checkbox"/> Type
<input type="checkbox"/> Return with explanation or notation as to action taken.	

ATTACHED FORWARDED FOR HANDLING AT SEAT OF GOVERNMENT. NO REFERENCES IDENTIFIABLE IN NY INDICES RE: MRS. RUTH B. EVANS, 59 ACADEMY ST., CAMBRIDGE, NEW YORK.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach *DeLoach*

DATE: 9-8-64

FROM : M. A. Jones *M. A. Jones*

SUBJECT: ROBERT WELCH
APPEARANCE ON "MEET THE PRESS"
WRC-TV
9-6-64, 6 p. m.

① Captioned individual, who is President and founder of the John Birch Society, appeared on "Meet the Press" and was questioned concerning his allegations that former President Eisenhower, John Foster Dulles and others were "communist agents." Although Welch refused to modify these statements, he said that they had been taken out of context and it would be necessary for him to take several minutes to fully explain the background behind his allegations. Welch said he would not comment regarding President Johnson or Senator Goldwater because his Society had never taken a position in a political campaign. He said he felt the success of the John Birch Society was assured because he and his associates had already succeeded in convincing thousands of people that the United States was a "republic" and not a "democracy."

REFERENCE TO THE DIRECTOR:

Welch said that 98 percent of all Government employees were loyal American citizens. Very few are disloyal, he said, but we must remember that the actual number of these disloyal citizens is not important. He said that "What is important is where they are placed. J. Edgar Hoover himself has said this many times."

The program contained no other references to the Director or the FBI.

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RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 9-14-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] NORTH CAROLINA
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DATE 11-18-86 BY [REDACTED]

On 9-14-64 [REDACTED] telephonically contacted the Bureau requesting to speak with the Director and was referred to SA Baker of the Crime Research Section.

[REDACTED] commenced by stating he is a member of the John Birch Society and stated that he was calling in relation to a film entitled "Hollywood's Answer to Communism." He said this is a three hour film which previously has been endorsed by various outstanding people, both lay and clergy, and he desired to have an endorsement concerning this film by Mr. Hoover. He was advised that the FBI had not been involved in the preparation of the film nor in the subsequent use of it. He was further advised that it was a policy of Mr. Hoover and the FBI that no endorsements are made in material which we had no control over. At this point, [REDACTED] asked about the film operation abolition and in response to his inquiry he was advised that this was a film prepared by the Un-American Activities Committee, and the FBI had nothing to do with the preparation thereof, nor was it endorsed by Mr. Hoover.

OBSERVATION:

[REDACTED] a member of the John Birch Society, obviously was attempting to have an endorsement in order to put the Director on the spot. It is noted that [REDACTED] has previously corresponded with the Bureau as a John Birch Society member. One of his communications was not acknowledged due to the nature of his correspondence. The latest correspondence from [REDACTED] was on March 9, 1964. [REDACTED] requested some reprints of speeches made by the Director relating to communism. He was advised these would be forthcoming. Selected speeches concerning communism that have been made by the Director will be sent to [REDACTED] without any accompanying correspondence.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

1 - Miss Gandy

1 - Miss [REDACTED]

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Morrell

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Date: September 9, 1964

PLAIN TEXT

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL

REGISTERED MAIL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (100-14613) (C)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
(INFORMATION CONCERNING)

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DATE 7-18-86 BY SP [redacted]

Enclosed for the Bureau are Xerox copies of an envelope and letter addressed to Mr. [redacted] WCKT-TV, Miami, Fla.

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[redacted] WCKT-TV, Miami, Fla., on 9/4/64, advised that WCKT had produced a documentary program called "The Patriots," which was broadcast by that station sometime during 7/64. "The Patriots" dealt with extremists of both the ultra-right and ultra-left. Following the broadcast, [redacted] advised he received a number of uncomplimentary letters, the tenor of which indicated that the authors were "Birchites," or far-right-thinking individuals.

One of these uncomplimentary letters arrived in an envelope postmarked 8/3/64 at Miami, Fla. This envelope contained a sticker which carried a printed quote of the Director. The sticker was a fluorescent orange-color, containing black print. (See enclosure.)

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The envelope contained a return address "1468 N. W. 36th Street, Miami, Fla." This address is a business establishment occupied by the Economy Printing Company. [redacted] stated that the individuals associated with the

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1 - Miami [redacted]

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Approved: [redacted]

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Economy Printing Company are "Birchites." [redacted] made available a letter dated 8/3/64 signed [redacted] which, although it had been separated from the [redacted] envelope in his files, he is quite sure was contained in the envelope that bore the sticker. He based his assumption on the date of the letter and the date of the postmark on the envelope, which were the same, and remarked that the "Birchites" had some sort of plan of harassment, since he received an uncomplimentary letter each day for a period of about two weeks. 17

A Dun & Bradstreet report dated 11/11/63 disclosed that the Economy Printing Company, 1468 N. W. 36th Street, Miami, Fla., was engaged in job printing and was [redacted] 64
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[redacted] former [redacted] (RAC), a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who also has furnished information which could not be verified or corroborated, advised on 9/4/64 that [redacted]

[redacted] the Economy Printing Company, 1468 N. W. 36th Street, Miami, Fla. The firm [redacted] WILLIAM B. PENNY, 437 N. W. 111th Terrace, Miami, Fla., [redacted]

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[redacted] Fla. According to the source, [redacted] PENNY, [redacted] are self-admitted members of the John Birch Society, and are [redacted] organization in the Miami area. In addition, [redacted] the Metropolitan Baptist Church, 6700 N. W. 2nd Avenue, Miami, Fla., [redacted] Evangelist BILLY JAMES HARGIS since 4/64, when HARGIS came to Miami to launch the formation of the Community Adult Chapters of his Christian Crusade.

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The [redacted] issue of the "Miami Herald" contained a news story captioned, [redacted]

[redacted] In this article, it is stated that Mrs. [redacted] Fla.,

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and her husband, had joined ROBERT WELCH's militant John Birch Society about a year and a half ago.

The [] issue of the "Miami Herald" contained a news story captioned, []

[] In this story, it is stated that an irate John Birch Society speaker stalked out of a Miami Jaycees meeting when the group's president refused to evict a [] with WCKT was over a documentary, "The Patriots," which he said attacked the Birch Society President, ROBERT WELCH, and made statements about the group that were not true. [] grabbed up 50 copies of the recently-written book, "None Dare Call It Treason," and stalked out.

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The [] issue of the "Miami Herald" contained a news article concerning BILLY JAMES HARGIS and his Christian Crusade. The article mentioned a two-day seminar conducted by HARGIS at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, Miami, Fla.

[] that accompanied the article showed Dr. []
[] BILLY JAMES HARGIS.

[] Florida. [] the Metropolitan Baptist Church, Miami, [] the Economy Printing Company, Miami, on 7/5/63, when interviewed concerning another matter, advised a Special Agent of the FBI that [] the John Birch Society in the Miami area.

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[] Metropolitan Baptist Church, Miami, and Economy Printing Company, Miami, on 7/8/64, when interviewed concerning another matter, advised a Special Agent of the FBI that he is a current member of the John Birch Society.

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WILLIAM B. PENNY

WILLIAM B. PENNY, 439 N. W. 111th Street, Miami, Fla., an employee of the Economy Printing Company, Miami, Fla., on 7/8/64, when interviewed concerning another matter, advised a Special Agent of the FBI that he is a leader of the John Birch Society.

In accordance with current instructions, the above information is being brought to the attention of the Bureau.

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 9-23-64

FROM : D. C. Morrell *sem/81*

SUBJECT:

MRS. [REDACTED]

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DATE 7-18-84 BY [REDACTED]

PURPOSE:

To recommend handling of current letter from Mrs. [REDACTED]

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BACKGROUND:

By letter dated August 19th, Mrs. [REDACTED] requested material on communism in volume to be sent to her to be used by the American Opinion Bookstore in Birmingham. Mrs. [REDACTED] was advised by letter dated August 26, 1964, that it would not be possible to send her material in volume due to budgetary limitations and she was advised there were no provisions whereby publications could be purchased. This reply was given inasmuch as American Opinion Libraries have been founded throughout the United States which are closely allied with the John Birch Society. It should be noted the publication of the Society is entitled "American Opinion." Because these libraries are affiliated with the Society, requests for publications in volume have been refused on budgetary limitations.

A letter dated September 17th has been received from Mrs. [REDACTED] stating she is deeply disappointed that she cannot get material in volume since the Freedom Educational Foundation in Birmingham "does receive this material." Since she cannot receive material in volume for the bookstore, she requests to be sent personally a few copies of "Communism And The College Student." She further states the Freedom Educational Foundation has had this publication but has none at the present time. Bufile 94-58569 reflects cordial correspondence with Mrs. [REDACTED] the Freedom Educational Foundation. The stated purpose of this Foundation is to educate the public in the conflict between freedom and communism. Mrs. [REDACTED] the Special Correspondents' List and she has been sent material in volume as well as being granted permission to reprint material.

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That this memorandum be returned to Correspondence and Tours Section so that five copies of "Communism And The College Student" can be forwarded to Mrs. [REDACTED] without cover letter.

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

The Director

DATE:

9-29-64

FROM

N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT:

The Congressional Record

JOHN BURCH SOCIETY

Page 22248. Senator McGovern, (D) South Dakota, spoke concerning the newly formed council to combat the Birch Society and related extremists. He stated "I have been pleased and proud of the courageous manner in which my distinguished South Dakotan, Dr. Arthur Larson, has spoken out against extremism in our national life. - - - He has also taken the lead in heading a group of distinguished Americans who have set out to combat the growing power of radical, rightwing groups that have been saturating the radio and TV airwaves with extremist propaganda." Mr. McGovern included an article from the New York Times of September 23 written by Martin Gansberg entitled "Civic Leaders Form Anti-Birch Council." The article states "Mr. Larson named the following organizations as being part of the major radical reactionary structure: Americans for Constitutional Action, America's Future, Christian Crusade, Christian Freedom Foundation, Church League of America, Citizens Foreign Aid Committee, Conservative Society of America, Liberty Lobby, Manion Forum, National Economic Council, Dan Smoot Reports, and We the People." (Howard D. Smoot, author of the Dan Smoot Reports, was employed by the Bureau as an Agent from March 23, 1942, until June 15, 1951. He resigned following censure, probation and transfer due to several unfounded charges made by him against his SAC, and due to his dereliction in not apprising the Bureau of certain matters. He was not recommended for reinstatement.)

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SAC, Los Angeles

October 6, 1964

COL: [initials]

Director, FBI

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HONORABLE HERMAN H. RIDDER
PUBLISHER
INDEPENDENT AND PRESS-TELEGRAM
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Bauer
Kieffer
Rapier

Enclosed is a copy of the letter directed to captioned individual by Assistant Attorney General J. Walter Yeagley for your information.

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Enclosure

NOTE: Ridder is on the Special Correspondents' List.

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TO : Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: September 30 1964

FROM : J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

For your information there is enclosed a copy of a letter sent to Mr. [] in response to his letter of September 17, 1964 concerning subject.

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Mr. Mohr...
Mr. Casper...
Mr. Callahan...
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